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SUBJECT: MAYOR OF POGGIO A CAIANO VISIT TO CHARLOTTESVILLE

REF: A) STATE 224196

B) SWIHART/WRIGHT TELECON SEPT 15

1. GROUP SCHEDULED ARRIVE CHARLOTTESVILLE THURSDAY OCT 7 AT 2212 HOUR
S
FLIGHT PI-025 AND SCHEDULED DEPART SUNDAY OCT 10 PER REFTTEL.

2. GROUP REQUESTS 5 DOUBLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE CANCELLED
LEAVING 10 DOUBLES INSTEAD OF 15 ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BECAUSE SOME
HAVE DROPPED OUT OF GROUP.

3. POGGIO A CAIANO IS A SMALL TOWN IN FLORENCE PROVINCE WHOSE
RECORDED HISTORY BEGINS ABOUT 1420. NAME MEANS "SMALL HILL OF CAIANO.
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WHO CAIANO WAS APPARENTLY IS LOST IN HISTORY. POPULATION IS 4500 AND
AREA IS 2.5 SQUARE MILES. ITS HIGHEST POINT IS 157.5 FEET ABOVE SEA
LEVEL. LOCATED ABOUT 12 MILES NORTHWEST OF FLORENCE AND ALSO NEAR
PISA, THE TOWN PRODUCES GRAPES AND CHIANTI WINE, SOME BEEF CATTLE,
KNITWEAR, STRAW BASKETS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES, BUILDING MATERIALS AND
TEXTILES. THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTS OF 9 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS,
5 MODERATE INDEPENDENTS, 2 DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS, ONE SOCIALIST, AND
2 COMMUNISTS. THE PRINCIPAL FEATURE OF THE TOWN IS A 15TH CENTURY
MEDICI VILLA. GENERALLY SPEAKING THE TOWN MAY BE DESCRIBED AS SMALL,
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RURAL, AGRICULTURAL, ATTRACTIVE, SOME INDUSTRY, AND EXCEPT FOR

MAZZEI RELATIVELY UNDISTINGUISHED.

4. THE DELEGATION PLANS TO PRESENT A SPECIALLY STRUCK GOLD MEDAL
TO THE CHARLOTTESVILLE MAYOR, AND SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS TO OTHER
CITY OFFICIALS. THEY WILL ALSO BRING FOR PRESENTATION SOME
PICTORIAL BOOKS OF THE TOWN AND MAZZEI.WRIGHT

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